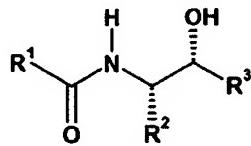


Amendments to the Claims

We Claim:

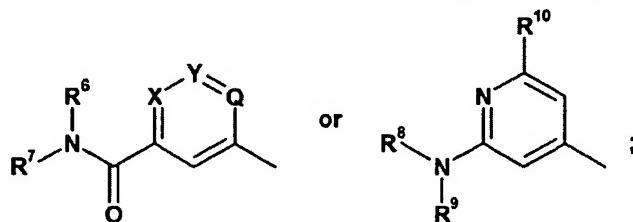
1. (Currently amended) A compound of Formula I:



I

where:

R¹ is (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₁-C₆ alkyl), (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkenyl), (C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl)₀₋₁(C₂-C₆ alkynyl) or C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, each optionally substituted with up to three groups independently selected from halo, hydroxy, thiol, cyano, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethoxy, C₁-C₇ alkoxy, C₃-C₇ cycloalkoxy, oxo, and NR⁴R⁵, biphenyl optionally

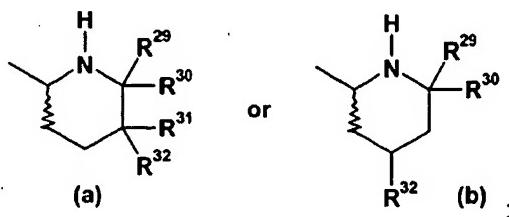


substituted with halo, hydrogen,

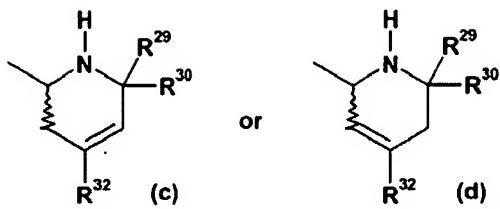
R² is C₁-C₃ alkyl, benzyl optionally monosubstituted in the phenyl ring with a substituent selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylthio optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, or benzyl optionally disubstituted in the phenyl ring with a first substituent independently selected from halo and a second substituent independently selected from halo, C₁-C₆ alkoxy optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkylthio optionally substituted in the alkyl chain with C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl;

R³ is:

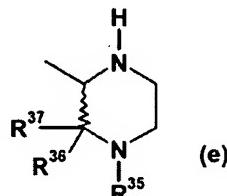
i) a piperidin-2-yl moiety of formula:



ii) a tetrahydropyridin-2-yl moiety of formula:



iii) a piperazin-2-yl moiety of formula:



iv) homopiperidin-2-yl;

v) 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinolin-3-yl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, and C₁-C₆ alkoxy;

vi) 2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-(5Z)-ene-3-yl;

vii) 2-azabicyclo[2.2.1]hept-3-yl optionally substituted with C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with C₁-C₄ alkoxy; or

viii) 2-azabicyclo[2.2.2]oct-3-yl optionally substituted with exo, or optionally substituted with one or two substituents independently selected from hydroxy, fluoro, and C₁-C₆ alkyl;

X is CH, N, or N⁺-O⁻;

Y is CR¹¹, N, or N⁺-O⁻;

Q is CR¹², N, or N⁺-O⁻;

R⁴ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro, or phenyl;

R⁵ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro, phenyl, -C(O)(C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro), or -SO₂(C₁-C₆ alkyl optionally substituted up to three times with fluoro);

R⁶ and R⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, and propyl;

R⁸ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R⁹ is C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, sec-butyl, or -CH₂R¹³;

R¹⁰ is -CF₂R¹⁴, -OR¹⁵, -CH₂C(O)CH₃, -S(O)₁₋₂R¹⁶, -NR¹⁷SO₂R¹⁸, (C₁-C₃ alkoxy)-carbonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with halo, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,1-dioxo-2,3,4,5-tetrahydroisothiazol-2-yl, or tetrazol-5-yl optionally substituted with C₁-C₃ alkyl;

R¹¹ is hydrogen, chloro, isobutyl, CH₂R¹⁹; CF₂R²⁰, 1,1,1-trifluoro-2-hydroxyeth-2-yl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl optionally substituted with one or two fluorine atoms, OR²¹, C(O)R²², N(methyl)(methylsulfonyl), N(methyl)(acetyl), pyrrolidin-2-on-1-yl, methylsulfonyl, N,N-dimethylaminosulfonyl, phenyl optionally substituted with one or two substituents selected from the group consisting of hydroxymethyl, methoxy, fluoro, and methylsulfonyl, 1,3-dioxolan-2-yl, 1,3-dithiolan-2-yl, 1,3-oxathiolan-2-yl, 1,3-dioxan-2-yl, 1,3-dithian-2-yl, pyridinyl, thiazolyl, oxazolyl, or 1,2,4-oxadiazolyl optionally substituted with methyl;

R¹² is hydrogen or fluoro;

R¹³ is ethynyl or cyclopropyl;

R¹⁴ is hydrogen or methyl;

R¹⁵ is difluoromethyl or methanesulfonyl;

R¹⁶ is C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, phenyl, or -NR²⁵R²⁶;

R¹⁷ is hydrogen, C₁-C₃ alkyl optionally substituted with up to 3 fluorine atoms, or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl;

R¹⁸ is C₁-C₃ alkyl or C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl;

R¹⁹ is fluoro, hydroxy, or C₁-C₃ alkoxy;

R²⁰ is hydrogen, phenyl, or furyl;

R²¹ is C₁-C₃ alkyl optionally substituted with one or two fluorine atoms;

R²² is C₁-C₃ alkyl, C₃-C₅ cycloalkyl, C₂-C₃ alkenyl, C₁-C₃ alkoxy, NR²³R²⁴, pyrrolidin-1-yl optionally substituted with methyl or one or two fluorine atoms, piperidin-1-yl, phenyl, pyridinyl, or furyl;

R²³ is hydrogen or methyl;

R²⁴ is methyl, ethyl, or propyl;

R²⁵ is hydrogen or methyl;

R²⁶ is methyl; or

R²⁵ and R²⁶ taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached form a pyrrolidine or piperidine ring;

R²⁹ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R³⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R²⁹ and R³⁰ taken together with the carbon to which they are attached form a C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl ring;

R³¹ is hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or phenyl optionally monosubstituted with C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R³² is hydrogen, R³³, or -(CH₂)₀₋₂-OR³³;

R³³ is C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with 1-6 fluorine atoms, C₂-C₆ alkenyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, or -(CH₂)₀₋₃-R³⁴;

R³⁴ is C₃-C₇ cycloalkyl or phenyl each optionally substituted with one or two substitutents independently selected from the group consisting of halo, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy, hydroxy, trifluoromethyl, and trifluoromethoxy, thienyl optionally substituted with halo, benzothienyl optionally substituted with halo, thiazolyl optionally substituted with C₁-C₄ alkyl, or adamantly;

R³⁵ is -(CH₂)₀₋₆-R³⁴, -C(O)-(CH₂)₀₋₆-R³⁴, -C(O)-(C₁-C₁₀ alkyl), -C(O)-(C₁-C₄ alkoxy optionally substituted with phenyl), C₁-C₁₀ alkyl optionally substituted with 1-6 fluorine atoms, C₂-C₁₀ alkenyl, or C₂-C₁₀ alkynyl;

R³⁶ and R³⁷ are both hydrogen or, taken together with the carbon atom to which they are attached form a carbonyl group; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; provided that: a) no more than one of X, Y, and Q may be N or N⁺-O⁻; and b) when X is CH, Y is CR¹¹, and Q is CR¹², then one of R¹¹ and R¹² is other than hydrogen.

Claims 2-5 (Canceled)

6. (Original) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a compound of Claim 1, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

Claims 7-8 (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A method for the inhibition of A-β peptide comprising administering to a mammal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Claim 1.

10. (Canceled)